

SILAS BUNDY WAS FINED AND HELD

Blackstone Was Assessed \$20
for Shooting in the Street.
The Police Court.

Silas Bundy and Clarence Blackstone, colored, were dealt with according to law by Justice John yesterday. The case was a bad one. Bundy trespassed on the premises of Blackstone and threatened Willie Ann Blackstone and others in such a manner as to cause a general alarm. Clarence Blackstone got mixed up in the affair and fired a pistol at Bundy.

Bundy was fined \$10 and given twelve months, and Blackstone was fined \$20 for shooting.

Charles Coleman, colored, was sent to jail for sixty days as a suspicious character.

The case of Robert Ragland and Georgiana Ragland, for threatening Mrs. R. A. Woodall and Gordon Woodall, went over to the 6th.

Willie Johnson, colored, charged with taking a pair of shoes belonging to G. W. Pleasant, will be heard on the 6th.

W. B. Woodson struck Coleman Johnson and had to pay \$5.

SOUTH BOSTON.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SOUTH BOSTON, VA., July 2.—Mrs. J. D. Parkinson, of Richmond, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Glen, this week.

Mr. John P. Lovelace, of Wilson, N. C., is visiting relatives here.

Miss Besse Dabney, of Chatham, who has been the guest of Mr. Louise Owen, left Thursday for Lynchburg.

Mrs. Robert H. Powell, of Boykins, Va., is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. W. Adkinson.

Miss Hamner, of Lynchburg, is visiting Miss Laura Stedman.

Miss Louise Berkhead, of Houston, is the guest of Miss Helen Easley.

Miss Constance Wallis, who has been the guest of Miss Lizzie Easley for the past three weeks, returned to her home in Kingsburg this week.

Miss Adelaide Chamberlain, of New York City, is the guest of Miss Frances Owen, at "Hyco Heights."

Miss Rosa Glass, of Ivyview, is visiting her schoolmate, Miss Lucile Moon, at Cartersville.

Miss Mae Adkinson is visiting in Lynchburg.

Miss Sallie Wilson has returned from a pleasant visit to Lexington and Staunton.

Misses Florine and Georgia Daniel are visiting friends in Bon Air, Va.

Danville District Conference will convene here, July 12-14, at the M. E. Church.

Bishop A. W. Wilson, of Baltimore, will preside over the meeting.

Mr. Edgar T. Beasley visited friends at Bon Air this week.

Miss Jennie Powell, after a pleasant visit to Miss Helen Easley, left Saturday for her home in Raleigh.

Municipal Meetings.

Following is a schedule of the municipal meeting of the coming week: Joint session two branches of the Council, Tuesday, 7 P. M.; Common Council, Tuesday, 8 P. M.; Committee on Cemeteries, Tuesday, 5 P. M.; Committee on Markets, Tuesday, 7:30 P. M.; Committee on James River Improvement, Tuesday, 7:30 P. M.; Committee on Grounds and Buildings, Thursday, 8 P. M.

WALTER EDWARDS AND HIS SUPERB COMPANY WILL PLAY A RETURN ENGAGEMENT AT

CASINO

WEEK BEGINNING JULY 4th.
SPECIAL MONDAY MATINEE.
PRESENTING

LEND ME YOUR WIFE.

A REFINED, REFRESHING COMEDY.

SEATS AT BRANCH R. ALLEN'S, NINTH AND MAIN STS.
REGULAR MATINEES WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY.

AT THE CASINO.

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The unusually funny farce "Lend me your wife" will be the attraction offered by Walter Edwards's Company, at the Casino next week.

This play was for several years the one in which the late Roland Reed achieved fame and fortune. Unlike most farces, the story unfolded in the three acts of this one, while ludicrous in the extreme, can be followed intelligently, and is of absorbing interest.

All of the chief incidents revolve around "Abner Johnson," who hails from Tennessee. His name and birthplace alone would suffice to indicate his personality and character. Rough and rugged, gentle and blustering, equally clever in handling a pistol or bestowing a kiss, he presents a type genuinely funny, and decidedly unique.

Abner has one ambition—to see his nephew married. The nephew also has an ambition to successfully "touch" the old man. The first is made when he sends the uncle word that he is married. The second, when he sends word that he is a fond and happy father. In his great joy, the uncle determines to visit the young man, and see the wife and wonderful baby. Here begins the trouble and complications. The nephew is not married and of course has no baby. In his dilemma he goes to an old friend and chum and persuades him to lend both. The situations following Abner's arrival fairly bristle with genuine comedy and wholesome laughter.

Mr. Edwards, who has established himself as a great favorite in Richmond, will have a part splendidly suited to his versatile talents. It is a character in which he has won a most pronounced success. He gives a most artistic presentation, and unquestionably will achieve, by his superior work in this play, further proof of the high place he holds with the theatre-goers of this city.

The play affords fine opportunities for every member of the company, and those who have seen their work during former engagements know that they will not be slow to improve it.

The performance will receive the same care in mounting and dressing that Mr. Edwards gives to all of his plays. There is to be a special matinee on Monday, with performances nightly and regular matinees Wednesday and Saturday.

New Books Received.

Appended is a list of the books received at the Virginia State Library during the past week.

Bue Terry, Margaret Ryan; (Presented by the author.)
The Mikado's Empire, William Elliot Griggs, in two volumes.
The Cambridge Modern History, volume VIII.

Laws of the Territory of Hawaii, 1904.
Specifications and Drawings of Patents, April, 1903; 3 parts.
Minutes of the Presbytery of Abingdon, April 1904.

Fur Seals of Alaska.
Jawns of Mongolia, 1903.

Wisconsin Reports.
U. S. House Document, Commerce and Finance, Oct-Dec, 1902.

The Story of the White House and Its Home Life, Wayne Whipple.
Report for 1903, Virginia Home for Incurables.

MEET ME

at
Ocean View, July 4th.
Via C. & O.

11 Round Trip, Three Trains, 8, 9:30 and 9 A. M.

GALA DAY, WEST POINT, JULY 4TH.
SPECIAL EXCURSION VIA SOUTH-ERN RAILWAY.

Special train leaves Southern Railway, Fourteenth Street Station, 9 A. M., returning, leave West Point 7:30 P. M., or 10 P. M. Round trip fifty cents. Spend the day at Beach Park, in dancing, fishing, boating, bathing, etc., or take a trip to historic Yorktown on the steamer "Baltimore," seventy-five cents round trip from West Point.

HAD THE NURSERY ALL RIGHT; BUT, O!

'Twas for the Propagation of
Sweet Flowers and Not
for Babies.

The anxious mother rings up what she thinks is the day nursery to ask for some advice as to her child. She asks the central for the nursery, and is given Mr. Gottfried Gluber, the florist and tree dealer. The following conversation ensues:

"I called up the nursery. Is this the nursery?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"I am so worried about my little Rose."

"Vat seems to be der matter?"

"Oh, not so very much perhaps, but just a general listlessness and lack of life."

"Ain't growing right, eh?"

"No, sir."

"Vell, I tell you vat you do. You dake der scissors and cut off apoud two inches vrom der limbs, und—"

"Vat-a-ut?"

"I say, dake der scissors und cut off apoud two inches vrom der limbs, und turn der garden-hose on for apoud four hours in der morning—"

"Vat-a-ut?"

"Sprinkle mit insect-powder all over der top. You know usually id is noddings but pugs dot."

"How dare you? What do you mean by such language?"

"Noddings put pugs dot ohenerally causes der troubles; und den you vant to wash der rose mit a liquid preparations I haf for sale—"

"Who is in the world are you, anyway?"

"Gottfried Gluber, der florist."

"O-o-oh!" weekly. "Goodby."—Buffalo Express.

Towns With a No. 13.

So superstitious are the inhabitants of the Swiss town of Bern that the number 13 is strictly prohibited by the municipal authorities. It does not appear as a number on houses, and a builder who recently braved public opinion by affixing a 13 to a new house had no offer for it for four months. He changed the number, and a week afterward a tenant moved in.

The police or soldiers do not display the fateful number. Even on official documents this combination of figures is replaced by 14A or 14B.

"It is a curious fact that the number 13 is not found on any of the houses of Paris," said a traveler who has just returned from that city.

"On a visit to the French metropolis I put up at a house numbered 12 1/2, and when I observed that the house on the left was numbered 11 and the one on the right 14 it started me out investigating."

"At first I thought perhaps it was merely a case of the authorities bowing to purely neighborhood superstition, but in the investigation that I made subsequently—and it was quite as full as circumstances would permit—I found that the superstition appeared to extend all over the city, for nowhere could I find trace of a number 13 on a residence."

"There were 12 1/2s in plenty. There may be some number 13s, but I could not find them."—New York Sun.

ROTHERT & CO.

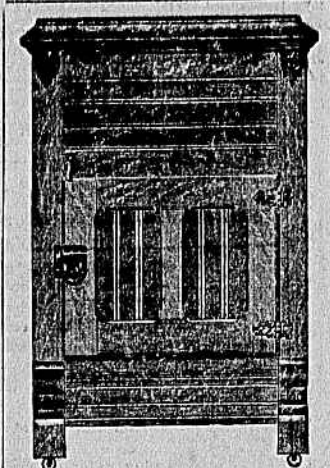
Cash or Credit.

THEY MUST GO! ..Every Refrigerator..

in this stock has been reduced in price, and such a reduction as has never been heard of before. The following prices are convincing:

\$ 8.50 Buys our \$11.00 Refrigerator
11.20 Buys our 14.00 Refrigerator
13.20 Buys our 16.50 Refrigerator
14.40 Buys our 18.00 Refrigerator
16.00 Buys our 20.00 Refrigerator

These are Monarch Refrigerators, with and without porcelain water tanks. We have sold 2,000 of this reliable make right here in Richmond, and know they are satisfactory. We want you to have a good Refrigerator, and we guarantee every one we sell. This is your chance to get a first-class refrigerator at a very low price.



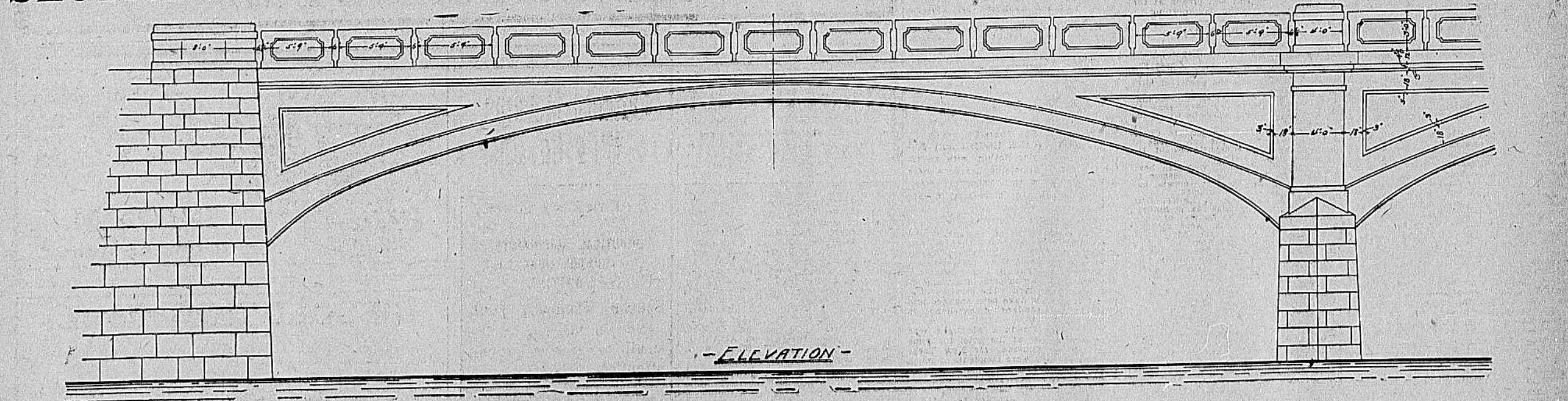
SUMMER FURNITURE

of all kinds—Lawn Settees, Porch Rockers, Gas Ranges, Oil Cooks—Chamber, Parlor and Dining Room Furniture.

Mattings, "rt Squares, Rugs, Portieres, Lace Curtains

Rothert & Co. Fourth and Broad

SECTION OF SPLENDID NEW BRIDGE WHICH WILL SPAN JAMES RIVER



This Structure is Proposed to Be Constructed on the Site of the Mayo Bridge and is to Be a Free Bridge of Trade Between the North Side and the South Side of the River---To Be Built Jointly by Richmond and Manchester---Total Cost \$250,000.

The accompanying illustrations represent plans of the proposed concrete bridge, to be built on the site of the present Mayo Bridge, which were prepared and submitted by the Concrete Steel Engineering Company, of New York. The estimated cost is \$107,924.14. The plans contemplate a bridge 32 feet wide, which is the greatest width the present masonry piers will permit; the roadway is 28 feet wide, and sidewalk 6 feet wide. The whole structure is to be concrete, and paved with granite blocks. The Richmond end consists of seven spans 55.47 feet in length; the Manchester end consists of eleven spans and is 847.25 feet in length, making total length of the bridge 1,397.72 feet. The distance across the island is about 350 feet; this is to be paved in same manner as the bridge, thus the whole distance across the river will present the same appearance, and to all purposes will be as permanent as a city street. The estimate includes the cost of raising the grade

of the bridge, the island and the approaches at both ends four feet, paving the entire distance from the Southern track in Richmond to the terminal in Manchester, building a double line of street car tracks complete, with trolley poles and constructing a circuit for telephone and telegraph wires. By raising the grade four feet, as proposed, all danger from high water will be completely obviated; the floor of the bridge will then be five feet higher than the flood of 1877, which was the highest flood known here.

By Bridge Authority.

These plans were prepared under the personal supervision of Mr. Edwin

Thatcher, A. M., Soc. C. E., who is an acknowledged bridge authority; a great many bridges have been built throughout the country under his patents, notably among these structures the bridges recently completed at Waterloo, Iowa; Dayton, O.; Toledo, O.; Derby, Conn.; and Jacksonville, Fla. Engineers are making strong claims of superiority of this class of bridges, over the best type of steel construction, chiefly that if imperishable.

The architectural possibilities of a concrete bridge are limitless; the artistic effect is only determined by the amount of money that is available. It is not proposed to embellish this structure to any great extent. Still it will doubtless present a very attractive appearance, and be a decided feature added to the city's many notable achievements.

The experience of cities that have erected these bridges is that two-thirds, and in some instances, three-fourths of the cost, is spent locally for material and labor. The local contractors will profit by this, as nearly all the material, that will be used, will be furnished. Then, besides, this a very large amount of money is expended for labor, and wage earners will be given employment.

The width of concrete bridges can be increased, whenever desired at a proper

whole plan. This committee is now ready to report. The city attorney has reported that no legal objection can interpose, and as Manchester has already agreed to shoulder the responsibility, there remains the concurrent action of the City Council of Richmond to carry out this great enterprise.

A Necessity.

That it is not only expedient, but very necessary, is asserted on every hand. The present free bridge at Ninth Street was built nearly thirty years ago. It was not originally designed to carry such loads as it is every hour in the day burdened with; it is certainly in the line of good policy, and perhaps of safety that it be relieved of a portion of the heavy travel that it is now obliged to sustain. This would prolong its usefulness, and enable it to serve

over Fourteenth Street would materially benefit these merchants. The Petersburg cures would also be run to Fourteenth and Main Streets, and passengers from this point be transferred to lines extending all over the city. Its importance to the wholesale district would also be very great, enabling the farmers, merchants and producers direct access to the heart of the manufacturing and distributing center.

ARTIFICIAL RUBIES.

One Secret Process Said to Deceive Even Experts in Gems.

A jeweller recently laid two rubies on his counter and asked a customer to select the better stone. They were of about the same size. The customer examined each carefully, and then made his selection.

"I thought that would be the one," said the jeweller. "Many experts would have selected it. The one you have chosen is worth only \$25, however, while the other one is worth \$250."

"The cheaper one has the better color," said the customer.

"It certainly has, but it is a composition stone. It is made of rubies, but the process is so perfect that few can detect that it is not a real stone."

"The process of its manufacture is known only to the man who made it. He is an Englishman, and has found out a way of taking ruby chips and making them into what look like real rubies."

"What he does no one knows, but from an examination made under a powerful glass it would seem that he grinds the chips into a paste and then works the paste into a solid and afterward cuts and polishes it. He is so careful about the color that the made stones are invariably better than many genuine ones."

"Many experts would be fooled with these stones if they did not know about them. A powerful glass will reveal what they are. In a real stone the grain always runs straight, but in one of these made gems there is no grain at all."

"The maker of these compositions can't manufacture diamonds yet, but I understand he has been trying, and he may succeed. Emeralds and other stones have been experimented with, but none has been imitated so successfully as the ruby."—New York Sun.

The Jap as a Soldier.

The learning of Japanese will be greatly facilitated by the abandonment of their peculiar way of writing and printing their language. Ten years ago the universities inaugurated the reform; next year the use of English letters will be begun in the public schools; and this will soon lead to their general use.